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ANNUAL REPORT

HELP, INC.

(Housewives' Effort for Local Progress)

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

February, 1969 - January, 1970

(T.H.) HELP

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

H.E.L.P., Housewives' Effort for Local Progress, was born of the realization that women must assume their share of responsibility for community progress. Since good citizenship entails a coordinated utilization of the time and talents of all citizens, H.E.L.P. will serve as a clearing house and reference center to receive, catalog, and where feasible, implement action on community problems. Realizing that progress is no mere accident, H.E.L.P. is dedicated to providing a means for all to work together for the common good.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY

The blueprints for HELP - 1969 were clearly defined and the members of the Board dreamed of goals attainable. As so often happens to beautiful plans--they were altered. The number of active members on the Board was decreased during the year for unavoidable reasons which increased the workload of the remaining dedicated few. To these Directors we give our thanks and all the credit for a profitable year!

From the information and experiences of HELP members, it was the consensus in late 1968 that the greatest need in community development was planning and that this was an area where we might be of real assistance. We divided into groups for study and action as planned by Margaret Beecher and Connie Ratcliffe and later chaired by Kay Thomson. The Agencies and Institutions group was directed by Susan Crittenden and Dorothy Blumberg; the Land Use group by Dortha Harned; the Health and Sanitation by Marilyn Williams. Reports of some of the activities of these committees will be given elsewhere in the annual report but they cannot tell the whole story of the hours of investigation for the right answers.

Our policy of making statements only when we are fortified with proper information and only when we have group consensus, necessarily means planning, working, meeting and talking together. Our desire to aid in community problem-solving has involved us in school problems, in fire alarm systems, in zoning ordinances, in traffic improvement, in surveys of the school system and for the Area Planning Commission, in air pollution, in food stamp programs, in comprehensive health planning, in housing codes, in removal of junk cars, in library relocation--to mention a few with which we have concerned ourselves.

Calls from citizens of our community continue to come to us with appeals to "Do Something!"--"You are the only ones..." etcetera. There remains a real need for intelligent, informed, alert surveillance and leadership to whom citizens may appeal. HELP continues to work toward this goal.

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President's Summary continued--

What are our needs? More women who care about our community are needed; more women unafraid to be committed with their talents and energies toward problem-solving and helping her neighbor; more women to aid in evaluating our common goals and achievements. Our future direction does depend on the response of the women of Vigo County.

Ruth Bopp
President of H.E.L.P.

STUDY AND ACTION

Report of First Vice President

When HELP chose to establish Area Planning in the broadest sense as a priority item for study and action in 1969, it chose what still seems to be an urgent but extremely difficult task. The board of directors has, as a consequence, been faced with the same kind of problem that many official boards and commissions are. We veered away from our goal at times simply because it was easier to let our attention be claimed by lesser problems.

We have tried to be consistent in supporting actions taken by official bodies which we thought were for community good and in being critical of actions which we thought not in the best interest of the community as a whole. As an example, if a zoning change was recommended by the City Plan Commission and approved by the City Council and HELP thought it advantageous to one person or business firm only, we would question that action. If a zoning variance was granted on the basis of the best use of land for the most people in the long run, according to adopted policies of the Area Plan Commission, we would support that action.

Reports from the Health and Sanitation Committee, the Land Use Committee and Agencies and Institutions Committee are found elsewhere in this annual report. All have done a good job in attending official meetings, in fact finding, in recommending board action, in presenting programs open to the public and in preparing news items for HELP REPORTS. During 1969 the Traffic Committee was disbanded because work in this field was being handled by governmental agencies and administrators, and while we tried to keep ourselves informed, it did not appear to be an area where we could be particularly helpful on a continuing basis.

Committee members profitted greatly by attendance at meetings arranged by other groups such as: Project: Life 1969, by the Senior Civil Engineering Class of 1969 at Rose Poly; informational meetings arranged by Virgil Griffith, County Extension Agent; Focus 70 luncheons, by the Chamber of Commerce, and many others. "Who's in Charge Here?", the manual prepared by the League of Woman Voters was found to be very useful. Many officials provided information, especially City Attorney George Toufaute; Area Plan Director Robert Mann, Redevelopment Director Golby Uhlir. To them and to all not mentioned by name we say, "Many thanks."

Perhaps the work of this past year might best be summed up by saying that we have been engaged as volunteers in a rather tremendous educational venture for ourselves, all readers of HELP REPORTS and for all who are concerned with planning for

Report of First Vice President -- continued

continuing improvement of our environment. We have learned the most, of course, but we have shared with the public through public statements, letters to the editor, and through the following programs:

March 11, 1969 - A "Plan for Progress" Luncheon which was open to the public. The discussion topic was traffic planning. Lee Robert Mann, Director of the Area Planning Department, was the speaker and announced the Penn-Central feasibility study to the large group attending. Other aspects of traffic planning were discussed by Everett Acree and William Ennis.

March 28, 1969 - HELP sponsored a public meeting which was held at the school administration building to allow for the exchange of opinions and questions on the fire alarm systems in Garfield, Gerstmeyer and Wiley High Schools. Dr. Dan Gowings, assistant professor of health and safety at I.S.U., was the moderator. Several school board members, members of the school administration, the school attorney, the Mayor and city officials, fire department officials, a representative of the Taxpayers Association, interested citizens, as well as members of H.E.L.P. attended.

April 15, 1969 - A "Plan for Progress" Luncheon which was well attended by citizens and officials concerned with the problem of abandoned and junk cars. Mr. Paul Welch, Health Department Administrator; Mr. George Tofaute, city attorney; and Mr. William Aue of D. & H. Auto Parts spoke on this problem.

June 10, 1969 - A "Plan for Progress" Luncheon was held at which a "Round-up of Area Problems" was presented. Each HELP committee participated, giving information and some solutions with regard to current problems facing the community.

Kay Thomson
First Vice President

Land Use

The Land Use Committee originally included the following members: Jeanette Landrum, Geraldine Bradford, Marie Fox, May Kester, Mary Alice Banks, Betty Hawk and Dortha Harned, Chairman.

Land Use -- continued

The committee has met approximately once a month and has been particularly interested in zoning, housing and land use planning and development. We have been concerned about the lack of progress toward having a single planning commission for the area. We have been unhappy with the continuing high rate of spot zoning due in part we think to the lack of sound procedures being used by the City Plan Commission in considering zoning changes. We have also been concerned about the slow progress in obtaining recertification for our community--we have been without certification since July, 1967 and therefore unable to obtain federal funds for public projects.

Members of the committee have been involved in particular in keeping track of dilapidated houses, supporting City Council action to update housing and electrical codes and in supporting the Wiley site as the preferred site for a new library. On some of these things we have either cooperated with or supported the Agencies and Institutions committee. Other interests of the Land Use Committee have been subdivision regulations and the Central Business District proposals. We were disturbed by the continuing attempts of a few citizens to discredit the Department of Redevelopment and its director.

Members of the committee regularly attend City Plan Commission, Area Plan Commission, Department of Redevelopment, City Council and Library Board meetings.

Dortha Harned, Chairman
Land Use Committee

Agencies and Institutions

This committee has actually concerned itself during 1969 with two institutions: the Vigo County School Corporation and the Fairbanks Library (managed by the same Board members). HELPers have attended all public school and library meetings and have carefully followed both sets of proceedings.

The major achievement of the School Corporation in 1969 was breaking ground for two new high schools. Construction of a new south elementary school has already started and similar work will begin shortly on a west elementary school.

HELP formulated public statements on a number of problems affecting the schools during the year. Your committee expended considerable effort in attempting to get a proper hookup of automatic fire alarm systems at Garfield, Gerstmeier, and Wiley, and to get these systems connected according to specifications. This was only partially successful since the specifications proved to be inoperable.

Agencies and Institutions -- continued

A major concern has also been the audit by the State Board of Accounts and various interpretations surrounding Superintendent George Huys' interim and permanent contracts. The School Board attorney has finally forwarded this matter to the Attorney General for an official opinion.

HELP supported the school corporation's "Multi-ethnic Curriculum Guide." We pointed out the need for a sack lunch program and saw it put into effect, but much improvement is still needed in this area. We are hopeful that the School Board will abide by its promise to HELP (made at the August 20 meeting) to answer, when raised, all questions asked by the public at its regular meetings. School Corporation President Iverson Bell has also promised that future work sessions on the budget will be open to the public.

Unfortunately the Board continues to make excessive use of secret sessions. This erodes confidence in the Board and interferes with proper communication. Our pleas on this matter still go unheeded.

In Library matters, HELP has leant its support to Wiley as the site for a future library building. We have also urged the Board to designate one of its members as President of the Library Board. Dr. Bell presently is President of both Boards. We feel that to give library matters the attention they deserve, these positions should be separate if the Boards must be the same.

Susan Crittenden, Chairman
Agencies and Institutions
Committee

Health and Sanitation

The Health and Sanitation Committee focused its efforts in the spring of 1969 on city ordinance #3 to control junk cars on both public and private property. In April the city attorney, representatives from the junk car business, and the Board of Health served on a panel which presented all sides of the problem and its possible cure at a HELP luncheon meeting to which townspeople were invited.

In July a statement encouraging the passage of Ordinance #3 was made at the City Council meeting, and the ordinance was passed. By August Mr. Pinkston, a deputy sheriff for nine months under Sheriff Lovellette, and a former patrolman, was appointed as the abandoned vehicles officer and set up in an office on the second floor of City Hall. He has done a fine job in both being tactful with people in a problem area and in effectively accomplishing the removal of hundreds of useless cars from Terre Haute's streets and private property.

Health and Sanitation -- continued

The committee has followed closely changes made in the Air Pollution Control Office, and had hoped that 1970 would start with an air quality control ordinance on the books. The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board finished work on this ordinance and turned it over to the Board of Health in September. A committee from the Board of Health made minor changes and gave it to the county commissioners early in October. No official action had been taken on the ordinance by mid-January, but further changes had been requested by the Coal Association and the Vigo County Manufacturers Association. An ordinance agreeable to both the Vigo County Health Department and the Manufacturers Assn. has been agreed upon, and as this report goes to press, awaits only the approval of the commissioners.

HELP is watching with interest the development of both county and area Comprehensive Health Planning committees. Once established, our county committee will cooperate with those from five other Indiana counties and three in Illinois to coordinate health resources, facilities, and manpower, to assure comprehensive health services of high quality to every person.

Marilynn Williams, Chairman
Health and Sanitation Committee

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Officers and Boards for 1969

Executive Board

President	Ruth Bopp
1st Vice Pres.	Kay Thomson
2nd Vice Pres.	Delores Malloy
Recording Sec'y	Diane Chandler
Treasurer	Susan Crittenden
Corresponding Sec'y	*Dorothy Blumberg
Corresponding Sec'y	**Viola Reed
Newsletter Editor(Appt)	Barbara Puckett
Nominating Chrm.(Appt).	Betty Hawk

Board of Directors

Virginia Bash	Bernice Lamb
Jacqueline Becker	Jeanette Landrum
Margaret Beecher	*Ellen Livengood
Geraldine Bradford	Judith Myers
**Helen Bryant	*Connie Ratcliffe
Maxine Creason	Viola Reed
**Bettie Davis	Rita Rotramel
Rosemary Duwelius	Mary Strecker
*Crystal Gowings	*Jane Walden
Dortha Harned	Barbara Weinbaum
May Kester	Marilynn Williams

Advisory Board

Jacqueline Becker	Marie Fox
Margaret Beecher	Betty Hawk
Martha Bowsher	Jane Hazledine
Irene Burget	Ellen Livengood
Elvira Carle	Joan Marx
Florence Curtis	Connie Ratcliffe
Irene Dreyfus	Carol Rust

Honorary Board

Charlotte Burford

* resigned during the year

** elected during the year to fill a vacancy

Financial Report--January 1 through December 31, 1969

Balance in checking account Jan. 1, 1969 \$ 655.04
T.H. First National Bank

Receipts for the year:

Dues and Newsletter	\$819.00
Donations	148.00
Anniversary tickets	309.00
Certificate of Deposit interest	37.50
Close savings account	110.47
Lunch profit	<u>2.24</u>

Total Deposits 1426.24

Total available cash for the year \$2081.25

Disbursements:

Anniversary expenses	538.99
Office (including rent and telephone)	667.94
Membership	37.20
Miscellaneous	85.07
Newsletter	518.40
Programs and Courtesies	48.28

Total Disbursements 1895.88

Balance in checking account, Dec. 31, 1969 185.37

Additional Assets

Terre Haute First National Bank Certificates of Deposit	<u>1000.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS -- December 31, 1969 \$1185.37

Susan Crittenden
Treasurer

Report of Second Vice President

Responsibility for the office, newsletter distribution, membership and telephone is included in Internal Affairs. It is sometimes difficult to find enough Helpers to volunteer for these routine jobs since they do not seem as exciting as other areas where HELP is involved. However, those who do volunteer usually find they enjoy it very much, especially the chatter and sociability of putting together the newsletter. Work in the Office is also very educational for a new member not familiar with the work HELP is doing.

Rosemary Duwelius has served very capably as Membership Chairman this past year and has just recently been hard at work on our current membership drive. The new memberships coming in are proving her efforts worthwhile. Many thanks to Rosemary.

The Newsletter Distribution Chairman this year has been Marilyn Williams. How grateful I am to her and her crew (who will be named elsewhere in this report). This is a big job and must be done each month without fail--there's no way to put it off! Also a special thank you to Rosemary Duwelius (again) for showing Marilyn "the ropes" and helping get the Newsletter to our subscribers.

Geraldine Bradford remained as Telephone Committee Chairman for a third year. Her committee (named elsewhere) called our entire membership several times to inform of special programs and luncheons. Although there are some problems in keeping enough callers, this is a very important and necessary way of Helping and I greatly appreciate Geraldine and her callers.

Delores Malloy
Second Vice President

Membership

The membership for 1969 was 329, with 270 paid subscriptions to the newsletter. This drop in membership can be directly attributed to the fact that the second Vice President handled the membership drive while at the same time doing all the office work and taking care of the newsletter distribution.

Appeals for 1969 news and dues were in the 1968 November and December newsletters and the January, 1970, one; and a separate letter was sent to members who were not subscribers. The members of the board were asked to help contact laggards, and a follow-up letter with a return envelope enclosed was the final appeal. No real drive for new members was made.

This year Operation Buckshot is an attempt to contact as many new people as possible in an inexpensive way. 400 newsletters

Membership -- continued

have been sent to prospective members with a letter inviting participation and a membership application. One hundred additional letters are being sent. Names have been gleaned from board members, lists of doctor's wives, minister's wives, lawyer's wives, wives of men in the news and women themselves in the news. Women in the county and in West Terre Haute are being contacted, but these results are disappointing so far. The regular appeal to present members is being made, with a more vigorous follow-up planned. It is hoped to show a substantial gain in membership this year. The membership year begins on February 1st.

Rosemary Duwelius
Membership Chairman

Newsletter Distribution

Ida Bunker, Martha Eachus, and Rosemary Duwelius have helped me regularly with the job of assembling, stapling, folding and mailing the Newsletter under a mailing permit for bulk mail. Additional help has been given at various times by Evelyn Bowden, Rita Rotramel and Viola Reed. Generally about 400 copies are printed at City Commercial each month except during the summer.

Marilynn Williams, Chairman
Newsletter Distribution

Telephone Committee

The telephone committee is our only direct link with our membership. It is used to inform members of special meetings and also find out what our members are thinking on important issues.

First callers are: Dorothy Porter, Jvanne Hoelscher, Pat Engelland and Ellen Livengood.

Second callers are: Gertrude Becker, Gladys Tilley, Margaret Gemmecke, Julia Hall, Connie Ratcliffe, Jane Alexander, Pauline Bartley, Florise Hunsucker, Florence Curtis, Donna Messer, Geraldine Shontz, Ruth Kelley, Betty Reifsnyder, Grace Cross, Jane Willison, Lucille Enders, and Adelaide Hahn.

I am very grateful to all of these women for their cooperation.

Geraldine Bradford, Chairman
Telephone Committee

Office Report

The H.E.L.P. office is on the second floor of the Senior Citizens' Center at 300 $\frac{1}{2}$ South 5th Street. The executive board and various committees occasionally meet in the office; the board of directors meets on the second Tuesday in an adjoining room. Office hours are 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Keeping the office staffed on a regular basis has been difficult; however, the following people have helped a great deal: Rosemary Duwelius, Judi Myers, Marie Fox, Bettie Davis, and Rita Rotramel. Much sorting and filing has been done, although much remains. An Attractive cabinet was purchased to hold supplies; fresh paint and new draperies improved the appearance of the office.

In the office, minutes of board meetings are duplicated and sent out along with monthly notices, the files are kept up to date, the newsletter labels prepared, membership lists duplicated, the annual report compiled, and many other tasks necessary to H.E.L.P.'s smooth functioning completed.

Delores Malloy
Second Vice President

STANDING COMMITTEES

"HELP REPORTS" -- Our Newsletter

Nine issues of HELP Reports have been published under my direction. Deadlines and data were the two most difficult problems encountered during the past year and one was intertwined with the other.

A lack of material for stories was seldom a problem; but there was a great difficulty in getting accurate material handed in on time. All too often, reports were submitted in haste without checking the validity of the information. Regardless of the date set as a deadline for stories to be submitted, part or all would arrive late.

To serve the schedules of the editor, the printer and those in charge of distribution, the board meeting day was set as a deadline with a two day interval following as a grace period. Anything arriving later was held for the following month. It was difficult at times to maintain the deadline schedule when an important issue was under public attention but it was a necessity since at least 10 days elapse from the time the material reaches the editor until the finished product arrives in a member's mailbox.

All original material whether rewritten by the editor or simply copied went into a file folder labeled for each month. Carbons of the newsletter copy were also filed with it as were copies of the finished project. Holdover material was placed in the next month's file or in a separate folder marked background material.

Many topics ranging from school fire alarms to air pollution were covered. An attempt was made to cover facets of problems not shown by area news media. The variety covered in one issue brought the suggestion that a yearly or semi-annual index of material would be helpful. Another suggestion would be the publication (in August) of a summation of events over the summer.

Because of the type of material we publish and the stands we take, I wish to stress the necessity of double-checking material and the sources from which we obtain the information. Also because we do use HELP Reports as our main contact with the public, I feel that it is important that we are accurate, unbiased and free from self-interest.

Barbara Puckett
Editor, HELP REPORTS

Nominating Committee

Committee members serving during 1969 were Rosemary Duwelius and Anita Purcell.

Resignations were accepted with regret from the following Board members: Chrystal Gowings, Jane Walden, Ellen Livengood, Dorothy Blumberg, and Connie Ratcliffe. Elected to fill the Gowings vacancy was Helen Bryant, and to fill the Walden vacancy was Bettie Davis.

The Advisory Board of 1969 was composed of Jacqueline Becker, Margaret Beecher, Martha Bowsher, Irene Burget, Elvira Carle, Florence Curtis, Irene Dreyfus, Marie Fox, Betty Hawk, Jane Hazledine, Joan Marx, Carol Rust, Ellen Livengood, and Connie Ratcliffe. (Ellen Livengood and Connie Ratcliffe were late appointments)

The following Board Directors (including executive board) are eligible to continue for 1970. *Jacqueline Becker, Margaret Beecher, Ruth Bopp, Diane Chandler, Maxine Creason, *Dortha Harned, *May Kester, Bernice Lamb, Jeanette Landrum, *Delores Malloy, Judith Myers, Barbara Puckett, Viola Reed, Mary Strecker, *Barbara Weinbaum, Bettie Davis, Helen Bryant and Betty Hawk. (*starred names are members serving the last year of their second term.)

Retiring Board members, who have served two terms and are therefore ineligible for Board reelection (but not Executive Board) are Virginia Bash, Geraldine Bradford, Susan Crittenden, Rosemary Duwelius, Rita Rotramel, Kay Thomson and Marilyn Williams.

The following names will be put in nomination at the Annual Meeting, February 10, 1970: Ruth Bopp, Margaret Beecher, Jeanette Landrum, Mary Strecker, Marie Fox, Betty Hawk, Helen Bryant, Bettie Davis, Helen Orrill, Marjorie Buzan, Nancy Tarbox, Marcella Guthrie, Drusilla Witham.

Betty Hawk, Chairman
Nominating Committee

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Christmas Decoration Judging

A committee of Helpers acted as judges of the outdoor Christmas decorations for the Spruce Street Gardens Club again this year. Serving on this committee with me were Rosemary Duwelius and Rita Rotramel. Entrants, who live along a several block area of Spruce Street, are judged on the beauty and originality of their decorations. First, second, and third place winners were chosen and awarded prizes by their club.

Delores Malloy, Chairman
Christmas Decoration Judging

HELP SPEAKERS BUREAU

As a member of the HELP Speakers Bureau, the following requests were filled:

I spoke to the "Women's League for Community Progress" of Olney, Illinois on March 11, 1969. This was a newly organized group, attempting to do many of the same things that we are doing. My subject was the "Contribution women can make in their community." The group numbered about sixty.

On May 22, 1969, I also spoke to a small group (20) of interested persons at the St. Patrick's parish house. This was an exchange of ideas, primarily about HELP and the way it operates. This was a "Community Affairs" committee.

On September 11, 1969, I spoke to the general meeting of the local Welcome Club. The enthusiastic group numbered about eighty, and several memberships to HELP were received. The subject was "Why do I Believe in HELP."

Betty Hawk

Revision of By-Laws

On October 14, 1969, the HELP Board of Directors adopted new by-laws which contained extensive revisions in several areas. These are designed in some instances to make official policies which have developed during the last few years and in other instances to solve organizational problems.

Five classes of membership are designated. Women joining HELP may choose between Active and Associate membership. An Active

Revision of By-Laws -- continued

member can vote and hold office; an Associate member can not. Affiliate membership was set up to accommodate men who wish to support the organization. Honorary membership acknowledges the groups' debt to women who have served HELP with outstanding devotion. (At the present time, Mrs. Charlotte Burford is an honorary member). Charter members are the signees of the original articles of incorporation.

The number of directors was set at 30 to comply with the Articles of Incorporation.

The duties of the first and second vice-presidents were reversed. Henceforth, the first vice-president will be in charge of the study and action committees and the second vice-president will be in charge of internal affairs. The office of the third vice-president was added. She will be chairman of the nomination committee. The office of secretary was changed to Recording Secretary. Succession to the presidency was provided through the third vice-president.

An article on the newsletter was added and the newsletter editor was made a member of the executive board.

Another article was included spelling out the organization of and the duties of the advisory board.

To the original standing committee of public relations and nominating were added awards, budget and by-laws. The name of the public relations committee was changed to publicity.

Betty Hawk, Chairman

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Vigo County Public Library

February, 1971 - January, 1972

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OFFICERS AND BOARDS FOR 1971

Executive Board

President	*Dortha Harned
President	**Nancy Tarbox
1st Vice President	*Betty Hawk
1st Vice President	**Judie Uhlir
2nd Vice President	Delores Malloy
3rd Vice President	Helen Bryant
Recording Secretary	Norma Cottrell
Corresponding Secretary	*Marcella Guthrie
Corresponding Secretary	**Katy Walker
Treasurer	Reba Schopmeyer
Newsletter Editor	*Kay Thomson
Newsletter Editor	**Liz Ciancone

Board of Directors

Ann Bass	**Evalin Leidolf
Margaret Beecher	Ellen Livengood
Helen Bryant	Isabelle Martin
Maxine Creason	Judith Myers
Norma Cottrell	**Becky Newsom
Bettie Davis	Helen Orrill
**Dorothy Drummond	*Nancy Paper
**Jane Forslund	Reba Schopmeyer
Marie Fox	**Florence Sporka
**Betsy Graham	*Mary Strecker
*Marcella Guthrie	Nancy Tarbox
Betty Hawk	Judie Uhlir
*Thelma Headley	Kathryn Walker
Thelma Klatte	**Susan Ward
Linda Kotter	*Drusilla Witham

Advisory Board

Jane Hazledine	Ruth Bopp
Elvira Carle	Dortha Harned
Jacqueline Becker	Irene Burget
Joan Marx	Mildred Hollis
Carole Rust	Virginia Bash
Margaret Beecher	Geraldine Bradford
Betty Hawk	Marilynn Williams

* resigned during the year

** elected during the year to fill a vacancy

Financial Report - January 1 through December 31, 1971

Balance in checking account January 1, 1971 \$ 75.58
Terre Haute First National Bank

Receipts for the year:

Dues	\$302.50
Newsletter	353.50
Donations	70.50
Anniversary Tickets	795.76
Interest (Certificate)	37.50
Certificate of Deposit (Cashed in)	700.00
Miscellaneous	<u>461.68</u>

Total Deposits \$2721.44

\$2,721.44
\$2,797.02
6.00

Adjustment 1/15/71

Total available cash for the year:

\$2,791.02

Disbursements:

Office (including rent and telephone)	\$ 444.42
Newsletter	586.17
Anniversary Expense	985.90
Annual meeting	26.31
Administrative Services (Self-Study)	614.00
Miscellaneous	<u>26.35</u>

Total Disbursements \$2,683.15

\$2,683.15

Balance in checking account December 31, 1971

\$ 107.87

Additional Assets

Terre Haute First National Bank
Savings Account

300.00

TOTAL ASSETS - December 31, 1971

\$ 407.87

Reba Schopmeyer
Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENTS

HELP has had a wonderfully healthy, happy childhood but as is often true with one approaching her teens, she has entered a new and somewhat difficult period. This has been a time for evaluation, for introspection to determine just what direction she should go and what methods will best help her to arrive. This period is not over, we are still evaluating ourselves, but patterns are beginning to emerge.

The kick-off for 1971 was the HELP Happening February 4th celebrating HELP's Tenth Anniversary. The event included a display in the mall at Honey Creek Square presided over by public officials and groups and a dinner at Hulman Center in the evening, followed by a lively and clever skit depicting ten years of HELP. Much credit and appreciation goes to the HELP Advisory Board, which planned the day's activities; to public officials who participated; and to the news media for extensive coverage of the Happening.

HELP's annual business meeting was February 9th at the Lutheran Student Center. When the Nominating Committee was unable to present another candidate for president Dortha Harned agreed to continue in office. At this time it was agreed the organization would initiate a self-study to determine what was needed to secure able and willing leaders and to provide some needed cohesiveness for the organization.

In March HELP contracted with Administrative Services and Research Corporation, a local company engaged in program planning and consultant services, to coordinate the study. After looking at a couple of other possibilities the corporation engaged a survey team from Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to do the research and analysis. The team included Dr. Werner Mueller, Marcel Weiner, Judy Bregman and Tailleiu Tharsi, students, with faculty members as advisors as needed. Members of the team taped HELP board meetings; interviewed past and present HELP members and board members, citizens and key officials; read material from HELP's files and the Newsletters; sent out questionnaires designed especially for the purpose of gathering information from the HELP membership; and finally conducted an all-day workshop on May 22nd at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College at which they presented their findings.

The study revealed attention needed to be directed toward:

- 1) Recruitment of able and motivated individuals.
- 2) A hospitable environment for the individual.

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- 3) Provision for self-criticism.
- 4) A fluid internal structure.
- 5) Adequate internal communication.
- 6) Means to avoid too strict procedures.
- 7) A way to combat internal vested interests.
- 8) Interest in what the organization is going to become, not in what it has been.
- 9) Members believing what they do is important to the organization.

During the workshop plans were initiated to find solutions to the needs revealed.

An ad hoc committee was appointed to study the report of the Carnegie-Mellon group and to make suggestions as to ways in which we might restructure ourselves to make HELP a more effective organization. Serving on the committee were Betty Hawk, Marie Fox, Delores Malloy, Katy Walker, Irene Burget, and Marilyn Williams, with Ann Bass as Chairman. The recommendations of this committee were briefly:

1. Abolition of the existing committee structure and replacement of it with seven topical committees:
(1) planning and zoning, (2) education, (3) health,
(4) library, (5) recreation, (6) social services,
(7) special assignments.

Three general committees will continue to operate as they have in the past: membership and publicity under the second vice president, nominating under the third vice president, and newsletter.

2. The Chairmen of these committees will be expected to hand in a written report to be circulated with the minutes of the preceding meeting. This is suggested to radically shorten board meetings.
3. Sending of a letter to the entire membership explaining the restructuring and asking for each to volunteer for one of the committees. They would also be asked to help in enlisting new members.
4. Encouragement of communication between the active board and the Advisory Board.
5. Orientation of new board members and officers which would be under the auspices of the executive board.

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6. Holding some meetings at night so that there could be more active participation by working women.
 7. The present officer structure will continue with more delegation by the president.
 8. Better utilization of all talent. We want no aspect of a "closed shop" approach in HELP. Individual members should feel free to speak and act on their own when they feel that they are knowledgeable with all angles of the problem and are acting within overall guidelines of the of the board.

The recommendations of this committee were adopted at the September Board meeting and letters were sent to the entire membership followed by a telephone call. A list was compiled of the responses of the members and their committee assignments. This information was turned over to the appropriate committee chairmen for their use.

During the time the study and restructuring were in progress HELPers continued to attend governmental agency meetings, comment on the words and deeds of public officials and participate in efforts to secure the common good or to initiate efforts in that direction.

Reported below are some of HELP's activities during 1971 --

- HELP took a more intensive look at the Vigo County Public Welfare Board and at the attitudes of those who dispense public welfare services.

- A report had been received concerning juveniles who were kept on in Logansport after the hospital personnel there considered them ready for release to the home community. This situation apparently had resulted in the past when the home situation was not suitable for rehabilitation purposes and there was trouble getting a foster home financed for the transitional period. The problem was seen as acute since the Logansport officials were quoted as being reluctant to accept further admissions from Terre Haute and Vigo County since disposition was so difficult. HELP's committee worked with other concerned agency officials (such as Hal Wilson of the Adult and Child Guidance Clinic) to arrange for a conference with Judge C. Joseph Anderson about the matter. (the problem had also been brought to his attention by his fellow judges in other districts serviced by Logansport.) Judge Anderson agreed to see that officials responsible for the condition worked toward better cooperation with

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the hospital personnel so that children would not be unnecessarily detained, delaying their return to society as well as denying hospital facilities to those more desperately in need of them. We have continued to keep an eye on the matter and it seems under control at present.

- The possibility of new appointments to the welfare board following resignations was considered. These were to be appointed by Judge Anderson. In order to express concern about the caliber of these appointments, we requested an interview to meet with the judge. It was not our intention to make specific suggestions concerning the persons appointed and this was made clear in seeking the interview. After being denied appointments five times when we called, we decided no useful purpose would be accomplished by pursuing the matter. (Pete Culver did not resign from the board as anticipated, which relieved the urgency of the situation.)

- We tried to attend all public welfare board meetings but were hampered by their highly flexible scheduling. Consensus would seem to indicate less than perfect cooperation between their executive secretary and other public agencies and officials. Concern was expressed in the January 1972 meeting about the possible unnecessary delay in getting the food stamp program operable. Several groups made statements to the Welfare Board. A date was announced shortly thereafter.

- HELP protested the reluctance of most members of the Air Pollution Control Board to adopt the proposed changes in the Air Quality Control Ordinance—changes designed to improve the quality of life for local citizens. A HELP statement was read at an Air Pollution Control Board meeting, asking the board to revise the Code, Section 411, concerning automobile emission, to make it more strict.

- Attention was called to the vested interests represented on the Air Pollution Control Board. A letter was sent to members of the city council when a vacancy occurred on the Board following John Napier's resignation, urging the council to appoint a representative who was concerned with quality of environment and not connected with interests in community who are major sources of air pollution. No response was received.

- Members of our committee met with Mayor Larrison to discuss the fact that two of his appointments to the Air Pollution Control Board (the attorney and the physician) never attended meetings. He

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promised to contact them asking if they wished to be replaced.. We learned later the Mayor did write to them but they apparently did not wish to be replaced.

- We protested the harassment of Dr. Noel Moore, Director of the Air Pollution Control program.

- HELP supported the hiring of a full time Air Pollution Control Director when this was being considered by the County Council.

- In October, a letter was sent to Frederick Bauer, attorney for the Vigo County Health Department, (copies to members of Board of Health and Mr. Arnold Brames, attorney for Air Pollution Control Board) asking if the three new appointments--Mark Sutton, Dave Arnold and Norman Fesler--comply with regulations set forth for continuation of federal funds now being used in the Air Pollution Control department. No response was received.

After receiving no response from Mr. Bauer concerning qualifications of three new employees, we checked with Paul Welch. He assured us these men meet qualifications and that the Air Pollution Control Department is currently receiving federal funds.

- HELP was concerned that the Board of Health continued to impose a rabies quarantine for Vigo County and learned this was the only method available for control of small animals. We asked Paul Welch, County Sanitarian, the status of the county small animal control ordinance which Dr. Goodman was reported to be writing. Mr. Welch said they are at the present time discussing the proposed ordinance with the county commissioners and expect further action.

We checked with Jerry Riley at the Humane Shelter to see if he had any problems with the city concerning small animals (as per city small animal control ordinance). He stated he received good cooperation from city officials and has no complaints at this time. He is satisfied with services and control being supplied by city in this area.

- The Health Committee also sent a letter in October to members of the Board of Health asking them to conduct a public health forum and volunteering our assistance in setting up such a forum. The response received from Dr. Goodman, Secretary, Vigo County Board of Health, stated that their meetings are open forums and the public should be present and ask questions at these meetings.

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- Calls were made and letters sent to the legislators expressing our support of the law limiting the phosphate content of detergents.

- HELP made several statements in support of ordinances prohibiting open burning at both the city and county level.

- We reported what appeared to HELPers to be attempts to stack the deck for purveyors of health services at the expense of consumers of health services in the Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

- HELPers participated in the Ecology Fair April 24th at the Vigo County Fairgrounds and in Earth Day in May.

- Beginning in September, HELP agreed to be responsible for staffing the THROW (recycling center) headquarters one day per month.

- Our Newsletter called attention to some of the "Uglies" in our community--hoping thereby to encourage citizens and public officials to be more aware of how their actions blight a community.

- Time after time attention was called to proposed zoning changes--speaking against zoning changes we felt detrimental to the preservation of stable neighborhoods, i.e. a parking lot at South 4th Street and Helen Avenue in a residential block and a sporting goods store at South 8th Street and College Avenue; called for improved and more visible ways of informing property owners and interested citizens of proposed zoning changes in their neighborhoods; stimulated an amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance relating to parking lots in residential areas.

- We commended agencies whose actions showed commitment to long-range planning and community development: the Department of Redevelopment for its request for a tax levy to do a feasibility study for downtown and Union Hospital area improvement, and those who ultimately provided the way for the tax to be levied; the Area Plan Commission for its Subdivision Ordinance, highway studies and development planning for the whole county.

- Other activities in the area of planning and zoning included: encouraging creation of Bike-ways for the city and county, discouraging political and other illegal signs posted in yards, and meeting with Mayor Brighton following his election to discuss community problems and his proposals for solving them.

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- Controversy developed in the community following the School Board's announcement of non-renewal of contracts for a number of teachers. HELP talked with Superintendent Kenneth Cottom on April 21 and secured information which was relayed to the HELP membership through the Newsletter and to the community at large in a Letter to the Editor in the local press.

- Interest in the activities of the Human Relations commission was maintained throughout the year with HELPers attending meetings regularly.

- The candidates for mayor spoke at a public luncheon on April 30th in the Cotillion Room of Hulman Center. This meeting was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

- In October HELP sponsored several "Meet your Candidates" coffees to give voters the opportunity to meet their candidates for city council.

- HELP's committee on Equal Opportunity for Women encouraged the Human Relations Commission to work toward the inclusion in the Human Relations Ordinance the word "sex" along with race, creed, color, and national origin or ancestry. The committee also collected data on the number of women holding positions of leadership in the community and interviewed the three candidates for mayor regarding their positions on appointing qualified women to boards and commissions. The results were published in the Newsletter.

- HELP is watching with interest and enthusiasm the building and developing of our new Vigo County Public Library on the old Wiley High School site. The Library Board and staff have tried to get community interest and support and have asked for suggestions and comments for the building, services and materials. HELP has commended the Library Board and staff for this course of action.

- The Special Assignments committee was instituted at the September board meeting when a general plan for restructuring was accepted by the HELP Board of Directors. The purpose of the committee was to function in an ad hoc manner, dealing with immediate crises not handled elsewhere. The committee attended the public meeting dealing with a telephone price increase and is watching to see that the price freeze is fairly and uniformly enforced.

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- HELP's Park and Recreation Committee was alerted to legislation pending in the Senate (Bill #49) relating to the 1965 Park and Recreation Law in January, 1972. (HELP had worked for local implementation of the 1955 Act, then for the amended 1965 Act, and had continued its support of the local Department.)

Senate Bill #49 was considered to be objectionable for the following reasons: it would change appointing authority for board members from Circuit Court Judge to County Commissioners (or mayor if a city); no provision for a bi-partisan board; no stated term of office; no provision for membership of school or library board as there is at present; term of office and membership of county agent made unclear; special non-reverting capital fund permissible rather than mandatory as now; eminent domain clause weakened.

HELP sent letters to our Senators asking them to vote against the bill. They did so; however, the bill had been amended to apply only to St. Joseph County (the sponsoring senator's county).

Later, HELP was advised the provision limiting the bill to St. Joseph County had not clearly done so. The bill had been assigned to the Natural Resources and Conservation Committee of the House for hearing. Three HELPers appeared before the committee and were given an opportunity to speak and did speak against Bill #49. Action taken: Tabled indefinitely for further study.

HELPers met later with Judge Anderson to explain how they felt about the legislation which includes the feeling that Circuit Court Judges should be able to make appointments to further the community good and not for political patronage.

Important: to watch for this bill next legislative session as Senator Mahowald (sponsor) indicated he expected eventual passage in order to curb appointive powers of Circuit Judges and "return government to elected officials responsive to the people."

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H.E.L.P. was formed because of a challenge, and because
HELP accepted that challenge, Terre Haute and Vigo County are
better places in which to live. Now we accept the new challenges
so that ten years from now, we can say "H.E.L.P. has done it
again!"

Dortha Harned, President
February - June

Nancy Tarbox, President
June - January

H.E.L.P. COMMITTEES

Following are the names of the HELPers who have worked on various committees throughout the year:

LAND USE - Kay Thomson, Judith Myers, Helen Orrill, Mary Alice Banks, Nancy Tarbox, Delores Malloy, Marie Fox, Isabelle Martin.

HEALTH AND SANITATION - Marjorie Buzan, Nancy Paper, Marilyn Williams, Mary Lou Mann, Helen Bryant, Bettie Davis, Drusilla Witham, Ruth Bopp.

AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS - Margaret Beecher, Ann Bass, Maxine Creason, Marcella Guthrie, Reba Schopmeyer, Judie Uhlir, Thelma Headley, Linda Kotter, Thelma Klatte.

NOMINATING - Helen Bryant, Margaret Beecher, Betty Martin, Ellen Livengood, Judie Uhlir and Kay Thomson.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - Marcella Guthrie, Ann Bass and HELPers too numerous to mention.

RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE - Ann Bass, Marie Fox, Irene Burget, Betty Hawk, Katy Walker, Delores Malloy, Marilyn Williams.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Betty Hawk, Evalin Leidolf, Florence Sporka, Bettie Davis, Kay Thomson, Anita Purcell, Betsy Graham, Mary Alice Banks, Becky Johnson, Marie Fox, Judi Myers, Lola Lindholm.

EDUCATION - Florence Sporka, Maxine Creason, Mary Showalter, Mary Strecker.

HEALTH - Norma Cottrell, Maxine Creason, Evalin Leidolf, Becky Newsom, Delores Malloy, Virginia Bash, Mildred Hollis, Dru Witham, Katy Walker, Marilyn Williams, Susan Ward, Mary Curcio

LIBRARY - Linda Kotter, Jane Angell, Jean Conyers, Geraldine Sisson, Katy Walker, JoAnn Criss.

RECREATION - Kay Thomson, Judi Myers, Marie Fox, Becky Johnson, Jane Forslund.

SOCIAL SERVICES - Reba Schopmeyer, Thelma Klatte, Dorothy Drummond, Virginia Herner, Mary Kay Matson, Venu Rathee.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS - Ann Bass, Ellen Livengood, Donna Wernz, Mary Curcio, Florence Curtis, Irene Dreyfus, Mary Alice Griffin, Ruth Hayward, Mildred Hollis, Viola Reed, Alma Joslin, Sandra Sabbagh, Rosalie Wormser, Thelma Klatte, Susan Ward.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN - Judie Uhler, Isabelle Martin, Thelma Klatte, Kay Thomson, Jean Conyers, Sister Jean Knoerle.

MEMBERSHIP - Martha Bowsher, Reba Schopmeyer, Irene Burget, Betty Hawk, Rosemary Duwelius, Marie Fox, Delores Malloy.

OFFICE - Evalin Leidolf, Betty Hawk, Betty Moore, Nella Kennedy, Gladys, Rohrig.

NOMINATING - Helen Bryant, Ann Bass, Linda Kotter, Dru Witham, Marilyn Williams, Martha Bowsher.

PUBLICITY - Margaret Beecher, Norma Cottrell, Katy Walker.

NEWSLETTER - Liz Ciancone, Editor; Virginia Bash, Rosemary Duwelius, Evelyn Tanruther

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee members serving during 1971 were Helen Bryant, Ann Bass, Linda Kotter, Dru Witham, Marilynn Williams, and Martha Bowsher.

Resignations were accepted with regret from the following Board members: Marjorie Buzan, May Kester, Mary Strecker, Nancy Paper, Dru Witham, and Marcella Guthrie.

The Advisory Board of 1971 was composed of Jane Hazledine, Jacqueline Becker, Joan Marx, Elvira Carle, Carole Rust, Margaret Beecher, Betty Hawk, Dortha Harned, Ruth Bopp, Virginia Bash, Irene Burget, Marilynn Williams, Geraldine Bradford, and Mildred Hollis.

The following Board Directors are eligible to continue for 1972: Ann Bass, Helen Bryant, *Maxine Creason, Norma Cottrell, Bettie Davis, Dorothy Drummond, Jane Forslund, Marie Fox, Betsy Graham, Betty Hawk, Thelma Klatte, Linda Kotter, Evalin Leidolf, Ellen Livengood, Isabelle Martin, *Judith Myers, Becky Newsom, Helen Orrill, Reba Schopmeyer, Florence Sporka, Nancy Tarbox, Judie Uhler, Kathryn Walker, and Susan Ward. (*starred names are members serving the last year of their second term.)

Margaret Beecher is a retiring board member, having served two terms and therefore ineligible for board reelection.

The following names will be put in nomination at the Annual meeting, February 22, 1972: Marie Fox, Linda Kotter, Reba Schopmeyer, Nancy Tarbox, Judie Uhler, Sheila Lauda, Venu Rathee, Kay Stanton, Nancy Willig, Gladys Phillips, Ann Pace, and Florence Roughsedge.

Ann Bass, Acting Chairman
Nominating Committee

Community Affairs File
Vigo County Public Library

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ANNUAL REPORT

HELP, INC.
(Housewives' Effort for Local Progress)

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

February, 1972 - February, 1973

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

H.E.L.P., Housewives' Effort for Local Progress, was born of the realization that women must assume their share of responsibility for community progress. Since good citizenship entails a coordinated utilization of the time and talents of all citizens, H.E.L.P. will serve as a clearing house and reference center to receive, catalog, and where feasible, implement action on community problems. Realizing that progress is no mere accident, H.E.L.P. is dedicated to providing a means for all to work together for the common good.

OFFICERS AND BOARDS FOR 1972

Executive Board

President	Nancy Tarbox
1st Vice President	*Dorothy Drummond
2nd Vice President	Betsy Graham
3rd Vice President	*Reba Schopmeyer
	Susan Ward
Recording Secretary	Jane Forsland
Corresponding Secretary	Katie Walker
Treasure	Judie Uhlir
News Editor	*Liz Ciancone
	Terry Christianson

Board of Directors

Maxine Creason	Gladys Phillips
Norma Cottrell	Ann Pace
*Dorothy Drummond	*Venu Rathee
Jane Forsland	*Marie Roughsedge
Betsy Graham	*Florence Sporka
Thelma Klatte	Kay Stanton
Linda Kotter	Nancy Tarbox
*Sheila Lauda	Judie Uhlir
Evalin Leidolf	Katie Walker
Ellen Livengood	Susan Ward
Judith Myers	Nancy Willig
Becky Newsom Antholtz	

Advisory Board

Jane Hazledine	Marilyn Williams
Elvira Carle	Ruth Bopp
Jacqueline Becker	Dortha Harned
Joan Marx	Irene Burget
Carole Rust	Mildred Hollis
Margaret Beecher	Virginia Bash
Geraldine Bradford	

*Resigned during year

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President's Annual Report

The year 1972 has been a very interesting one for women. We have seen the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in both Houses of Congress and its ratification in twenty-one states. We have seen an increasing number of women take positions in volunteer agencies and in business and even more return to school to qualify themselves for other positions. This has been very good for women.

As a result, 1972 has been a pivotal year in the life of HELP. We have realized the decline of one era ... when many women had a great deal of free time to spend in volunteer capacities, and the rise of another ... in which women are being asked to take new responsibilities in the community, resulting in fewer available hours for volunteer service.

Because of this, HELP has centered its interest in three primary fields ... education, parks and recreation, and health and sanitation. We also did some preliminary work in the field of child care which we would like to continue. Our continuing interest in human relations has taken the direction of working for equal rights, not only for women, but for all.

Two things have happened because of HELP's encouragement in the past. One is the establishment of a zoning alert system so that those living near property about to be rezoned may be notified in advance and the other is the establishment of a police merit system.

During the past year I have been asked many times for recommendations for women to serve in various ways. More and more HELP members are serving on commissions and boards in the community; for example, Maxine Creason, who has been a member of the O.E.O. board has been asked to serve on that board's Human Rights Committee. Becky Johnson has been serving on the Region Seven Mental Health Mental Retardation Planning Committee.

This has been a year of introspection for HELP. Hopefully, the next year will bring about a resolution of our search for new methods and goals.

Nancy Tarbox

Report of Second Vice-President, Betsy Graham:

Four areas of HELP activities are under the jurisdiction of the Second Vice-President: Newsletter preparation and distribution, membership drive, the administration of the HELP office, and the telephone committee. For the first half of 1972 Liz Ciancone served as Newsletter editor and Ida Bunger was in charge of distribution. They were succeeded in the fall by Terry Christianson, editor, and Kay Stanton, distribution. Evalin Leidolf served as office manager assisted by Nella Kennedy, Betty Moore, and Gladys Rohrig. Co-Chairmen of the membership drive were Marie Fox and Irene Burgett. Ann Pace served as telephone chairman.

All four areas of activities were so ably handled by the respective chairmen that the Second Vice-President had very little responsibility to assume except for getting the Newsletter reproduced each month and taking it to the home of the distribution chairman. Thus time was made available for consulting with the President on policies, strategy, appointments, and other administrative duties of the HELP organization.

A special vote of thanks goes to Ellen Livengood for providing refreshments for most of the Board meetings during the year.

H.E.L.P.
MINUTES, ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING, February 22, 1972
Public Service Building

PRESIDING: Nancy Tarbox, President

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the 1971 Annual Corporation Meeting were read and approved.

Delores Malloy distributed copies of the 1972 Annual Report to those present.

Questions and comments on the report were heard from the floor.

Delores recommended that the publicity committee not be under the office of the 2nd Vice President.

MOTION: Rosemary Duwelius moved that we accept the annual report as distributed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nancy reported that she had made a call concerning the phosphate bill that was before the state legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Kotter gave the nominating committee report, as printed on page 14 of that annual report.

Delores reported that the following board members are retiring: Ann Bass, Bettie Davis, Helen Orrill, Helen Bryant, Betty Hawk and Isabelle Martin.

MOTION: Dortha Harned moved that we accept the nominating committee report. Motion carried.

Isabelle Martin stated that she had not been contacted regarding her wishes to retire from the board.

MOTION: Dorothy Drummond moved that Isabelle Martin be nominated from the floor to serve on the board. Motion carried. Isabelle's name was then added to the 12 names of new and returning H.E.L.P. board members to be voted upon.

MOTION: Delores Malloy moved we vote on 12 of the 13 people nominated, by secret ballot. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Judie Uhlir announced that the booklet "Guess Who Does It", put out by the League of Women Voters, was available at 10 cents per copy.
2. Nancy Tarbox announced that those who are staying for lunch are asked to make a small contribution of \$1.00-\$1.25 when lunch is served.

The following people were elected to the H.E.L.P. board: Marie Box, Linda Kotter, Reba Schopmeyer, Nancy Tarbox, Judie Uhlir, Sheila Lauda, Venu Rathee, Kay Stanton, Nancy Willig, Gladys Phillips, Ann Pace, and Florence Roughsedge.

Dorothy Drummond asked that each person present sign up for a committee.

Evelyn Liedolf asked that committee chairmen take files home and sort through them and dispose of what is not needed, to give more room in the files at the H.E.L.P. office.

Jane Hazledine remarked that anyone wanting to work in H.E.L.P. is welcome, that being on the board is not necessary in order to work in the organization. All efforts will be valued and deeply appreciated.

Irene Burget announced that the membership committee is beginning the annual membership drive. They will distribute five names to each board member to contact. These are people who have joined but are no longer active. The board has until March 8 to contact their five names, then to report to a member of the membership committee the results. Those on this committee are Irene Burget, Marie Fox, Rosemary Duwellius, and Delores Malloy.

Nancy thanked Public Service for allowing us to use their facilities for this meeting. She also thanked the hospitality committee for the coffee and the luncheon. This committee is made up of Ellen Livingood, Marie Fox and Thelma Klatte.

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Norma Cottrell,
Recording Secretary

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H.E.L.P.
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
January 1, 1972 - December 31, 1972

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$373.50
Newsletter	617.50
Donations	80.50
Interest	18.13
Anniversary Tickets	33.70
T.H.R.O.W.	44.33
Miscellaneous	<u>22.45</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	

\$1190.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Office (Including Rent and Phone)	\$524.61	
Newsletter	515.75	
Miscellaneous	<u>126.82</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1167.18

RECONCILIATION

Net Worth 12/31/72	\$407.87
Gross Profit 1972	22.93
Net Worth 12/31/72	430.80

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -- DECEMBER 31, 1972

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$125.17
Saving Account	<u>305.63</u>
TOTAL	\$430.80

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	None
Net Worth	<u>\$430.80</u>
	\$430.80

Submitted by: Judie K. Uhlir
Treasurer

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE (February - June 1972)

(Note: The following references as indicated by numbers in the report can be found in the February - June 1972 Education report at the HELP office.)

Members of the Education (and Library) Committee included:

Linda Kotter
Katy Walker
Kay Stanton (became inactive)
Thelma Klatte
Florence Sporka (resigned)
Betsy Graham
Dorothy Drummond (ex-officio, resigned)
Nancy Tarbox, President of HELP
Annette Benjamin
Helen Venable
Margaret Beecher, Chairman

The Chairman, after assuming the chairmanship, personally interviewed all seven members of the School Board (Farmer, Haas, Kessel, Sutherlin, Caldwell, Bell and Llewelyn), nine teachers and/or school administrative personnel and four concerned citizens in order to acquaint herself with the current school situation in Vigo County.

On February 28, the Chairman read a public statement at a School Board meeting relative to the replacement of Concannon Junior High School. (#1)

On March 13, the Chairman read a statement at the School Board Meeting regarding policy of the VCSC regarding counseling for junior high and senior high school students. (#2)

On March 22, President Nancy Tarbox and Chairman made a trip to Indianapolis to consult with John Loughlin, Superintendent of Public Instruction and with Bill Strange, Director, Division of Curriculum. We had with us a wide range of questions (#1-A) which Mr. Strange was very cordial about either answering or referring us to the proper individuals. Following that visit, responses were received from the following individuals after letters were sent to each of them: Arnold W. Spilly, Director, Division of Schoolhouse Planning; Clifford E. Grigsby, Division of Teacher Education and Certification; Jan P. Regnier, Director, Division of School Inspection; Malcolm A. Mason, Division of Health Education; Maurice Burns, Director, Finance Division; Jack Summe, Director, School Traffic Safety; Lynn Brown, Instructional Media Division; Mrs. Sparkle Crowe, Director, Pupil Personnel Division; and James E. Brumbaugh, Foreign Language Consultant. In several cases, additional pamphlets or studies were included with the letters to the Chairman.

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A response to HELP's February 28 statement was received from Superintendent Kenneth Cottom. (#2-A)

A rather lengthy statement including a list of Five "Rumors" was presented at the March 27 School Board Meeting. (#3) Both local newspapers and the radio-TV stations carried the "Rumors" story.

The chairman also checked with Assistant Chief of Police, Gerald Lowdermilk regarding the matter of dealing with juveniles involved in the drug problem, and with Chief of Detectives, Frank Hoffman regarding the manner in which the School Board members may legally have access to juvenile records of young offenders. Hoffman indicated that School Board members would have to obtain the permission of the Circuit Court Judge to have access to such records.

After hearing the School Board was planning to drop elementary librarians and let the untenured teachers go without renewing their contracts in May and put tenured librarians in other fields, and allow college students to be used to pass out books in the elementary libraries, the Chairman called a meeting on April 9 to discuss what action to take. Fifteen persons attended the meeting.

On April 12 a meeting of the School Board Candidates was held in the auditorium of North High School at 7:30 PM. District I candidates were Dr. Iverson (who was unable to be present) Bell, Mrs. Susan Crittenden, Dr. James Rentschler and John Valle; District III candidates included Joe R. Burton, Mrs. Charlotte Caldwell, Noble Corey, James Daugherty and Max Lynch. Three questions were submitted by HELP to each of the candidates prior to the meeting: (1) What is your philosophy of education as it relates to the total educational program of the VCSC? (2) What are the responsibilities, as you understand them, of a School Board member? (3) Why do you think you should be elected to the School Board? Nancy Tarbox welcomed the candidates and introduced Katy Walker who served as Moderator and Ruth Bopp and Annette Benjamin who served as assistants to receive questions from the audience. Although the meeting was lightly attended there was excellent follow-up coverage in the Terre Haute TRIBUNE particularly, using the precise statements which the candidates made.

On April 23 several HELP members toured Bixie Bee, West Vigo and Rio Grande elementary schools.

A written response to HELP's "Five Rumors" statement was received from Superintendent Cottom. (#4)

After making a list of reasons to pursue the elementary library question (#5) it was decided to do a complete VCSC survey of library current facilities. The questions used and instructions to those doing the survey, along with the results of the survey are (#7, #8, #6). The survey results were covered extremely well in both local newspapers as well as radio and TV. (The result of the survey seemed to be that the library situation was not radically changed, as had been thought it would be. However, a follow-up survey in October 1972 did not materialize so we do not know the long-term effects of raising the questions.)

Following a heated School Board meeting in May regarding the proposed closing of Rankin School, several HELP members attended a public meeting held May 17 at Rankin School. Concerned parents and patrons of the school had many questions to ask of School Administration people, particularly regarding the closing of kindergarten facilities and those children to be sent to Terre Town and Lange with no provision for transportation. The major reason for closing Rankin appeared to be its unsafe condition, particularly the floors. It was a heated meeting.

A meeting on May 18 was held at the home of Susan Ward with HELP members, interested citizens and Superintendent Cottom. The purpose of the meeting was to ask questions of Mr. Cottom regarding proposals of elementary school building programs, particularly those affecting the North Area which included Fontanet, Otter Creek, Rankin and Terre Town Schools. The summary of ratings accorded construction and educational specifications of May 1961 for Vigo County School Buildings was used as a reference point of discussion.

At the May 22 meeting of the School Board, HELP was interested to see that the Administration proposed some modifications (which were accepted by the Board). The modified plan allowed parents a choice of sending kindergarten children to Rankin, Terre Town or Lange, and that Rankin would continue as an elementary school for the first semester of the 1972-73 school year.

The Chairman attended only one School Board meeting during the summer of 1972 and was faced with the prospect of not being able to continue the job as Chairman of Education for HELP. A letter was sent to each of the committee members. (#9). In the fall, the Chairman made a formal request to be relieved of the responsibility as Chairman due to other personal commitments which took priority.

Several comments might be in order regarding the Education Committee and its effectiveness, as well as its lack of effectiveness during the few months it was active:

1. Committee meeting were not scheduled on a regular meeting basis, so it seemed to be "operation by crisis." The meetings were not well attended as a rule.
2. Committee members were apparently too preoccupied with other interests, including their jobs or personal lives to be able to study in-depth all the manuals and other materials available to them. The Chairman did not have the time nor stamina to read all of them.
3. Committee members did not acquire the habit of attending school board meetings on a regular basis.
4. The scope of the Education Committee activity might have been too broad - too overwhelming, as suggested by a list of questions submitted to them by the Chairman. (#10)
5. After HELP did make a number of public statements, the School Administration appeared to get in a flurry of activity collecting and clarifying plans, facts, information, as we had not seen before. Only by a thorough follow-up to what HELP did during the short period could we really know whether or not HELP's efforts were taken seriously, with good results stemming from their action. During the period February - June, HELP did make waves in the community regarding the school situation. Whether or not the children benefitted, is a matter for conjecture.

Margaret Beecher, Chairman
Education Committee (Feb.-June 1972)
February 1973

HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT

Health and Sanitation Committee:

Co-Chairmen- Maxine Creason and Evalin Leifolf

Members- Norma Cottrell, Delores Malloy, Virginia Bash, Ellen Livengood, Katie Walker, Marilyn Williams, Margaret Beecher, and Becky Antholtz

In this age of recycling and public concern being generated about the environment, this year has been a baffling challenge for those of us who have hoped for local improvements in: Environmental Health and in general Community Sanitation including inspection of food establishments, handling of garbage and trash, dumps, disposition of dead animals, air pollution, water pollution and several other related subjects.

Knowing that the municipal Garbage and Ash-Trash collection contracts would be expiring October 1972, and knowing that annual landfill cost in Vigo County had jumped from \$41,000 in 1967 to \$365,000 in 1972, the Health and Sanitation Committee started early last spring to learn everything we could about the conduct of the Municipal contracts and the landfill costs. Some of the things the committee did include:

- The committee studied the Municipal and County contracts.
- We read the State Refuse Disposal Act adopted by Indiana in 1965 and amended in 1969 and 1972.
- We studied Elements of Solid Waste Management, as proposed by U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
- We sent a questionnaire-type survey to twenty (20) other Indiana cities and towns to compare equipment, costs, and general management of landfills.
- We viewed the dumps in Vigo County.
- We prepared our questions for local Health Authorities.
- We asked Health officials to arrange for us a tour of the four (4) landfills and to answer our questions.
- In responding to our questions, (letter; May 5, 1972,) local Health Authorities referred us to local County Attorney, local contractor and to various divisions of the Indiana State Board of Health.

-We wrote a letter to all Members of Vigo County Board of Health inviting them to delegate two (2) members to go to Indianapolis with us to discuss our questions with the designated State Officials. At their regular meeting May 24, 1972, the Board authorized Mrs. Mildred Ellis to represent the Board.

-At that meeting in Indianapolis on June 1, 1972, we and Mrs. Ellis were told that the State Board of Health had not approved any landfills in Vigo County, and without this approval the landfills in Vigo County could not possibly be in compliance with the Refuse Disposal Act of 1965-69.

- H.E.L.P. ers came home and began correspondance necessary to attain a written report of such a meeting approved by the State officials who participated.
- By the time this approved report was attained, the local Board of Public Works had advertised and opened bids for the ash-trash and garbage collection contract. The lowest bidder happened to be the same contractor at an increased cost of \$100,000 per year. (Total for a two (2) year contract is \$650,000.)

-H.E.L.P. had not expected this bid opening so early so we called a special H.E.L.P. Board meeting to determine whether or not we should try to impress the City Council, before approving this amount of money, with the need for some communication with County officials who were then paying the same contractor one-thousand-dollars (\$1,000) per day to provide landfills which were not conforming with State Health Laws. (see letter to Common Council for July 5, 1972.)

*At the regular meeting of City Council, July 13, 1972, in a prepared statement, Margaret Beecher, spokesman for H.E.L.P. proposed three (3) suggestions for Council consideration:

"#1. HELP suggests this Council and the Board of Public Works and Safety confine the business of collection and removal of refuse to one Municipal contract.

#2. Since the existing contract states that the contractor must be responsible for disposal as well as collection, we suggest the Board of Public Works be requested to prepare for Common Council approval, a separate disposal contract, this contract to comply with the Refuse Disposal Act.

#3. Since the existing contract mandates that refuse collections be disposed 4 miles away from the city limits and further, because one of the benefits of the Refuse Disposal Act is reclamation of land, we suggest the 4 mile limit be deleted. It is not beyond H.E.L.P.'s dream that some of our more notable swampy spots and low places be filled up."

-City Council approved the \$650,000. and appointed a committee, Ken Thomas, Chairman, to look into the feasibility of municipal government getting into the "landfill business."

-New consolidated contract was later prepared...omitting leaf collection!

-When leaves fell on the City of Terre Haute in October 1972, the collection contractor would no longer pick up bags of leaves prepared for disposal.

-H.E.L.P. and others tried to point out to council sub-committee that there appeared to be a reduction in service provided by the contractor who, after November 1, 1972 operated under the new contract with the \$100,000. increase. (Contract was prepared by Board of Public Works and Safety.)

-Back to July, On the landfill scene.

July 20, 1972, State Board of Health, Sanitary Engineering Division, made the first on-site inspection of three (3) Vigo County Landfills. The State Officials met with H.E.L.P. representatives in Terre Haute following that inspection. H.E.L.P. requested officials to send H.E.L.P. a copy of Sanitary Engineering Division written account of that inspection. That requested copy was received: addressed to Max Gibson, dated July 27, 1972: states, in part:

"A necessary part of the landfill operations at these sites is adequate supervision during the hours that refuse is accepted for disposal. Personnel and equipment must be available at all times when refuse is being brought to the site, and the refuse must be properly covered. Strict control must be exercised over the hours of operation.

We understand that studies have been undertaken relative to alternate methods of handling the liquid wastes which have been brought to your site in the past. We will await the submission of proposals for these operations before commenting further."

-September 1972: H.E.L.P. invited Mr. Gibson to speak to the H.E.L.P. Board of Directors to discuss progress being made in landfill operations toward compliance with Stat Health Regulations. This invitation was summarily declined with a statement to H.E.L.P. that his (the contractor's) attorney advised him against speaking to the H.E.L.P. Board about sanitary landfill operations.

-October 5, 1972: H.E.L.P. sent a letter including our eleven (11) questions concerning progress toward compliance in Vigo County to the Sanitary Engineering Division of the SBH. Our questions:

#9. "From your letter of July 27, 1972, summation of on-site inspection of July 20, 1972, you have indicated that studies have been undertaken relative to alternate methods of handling the liquid waste which have been brought to a Vigo County site in the past. Is the State Board of Health helping the contractor with suggested alternate method of handling these imported wastes?"

#10. Has the State Board of Health approved the proposed alternate method of handling these imported wastes?

-In response to the October 5, 1972 letter (and eleven (11) questions;) on January 31, 1973 H.E.L.P. received a letter from the Board of Health; however, our questions were not fully answered in any sequence. We quote from that letter:

"A brief hestory of the sanitary landfill operations since the middle of last year is as follows:

The Victory Mine operation was approved by the State Board of Health on October 5, 1972; the South site was approved on Novermer 2 and the North-east site was approved on November 8. A proposal is to be submitted in the very near future for the site in Sugar Creek Township.

Our recent inspections of these operations indicate that the approvals are generally being complied with. As you may know the liquid waste which was generated by Eli Lilly is now receiving pre-treatment for de-watering prior to being brought to the landfill site for disposal. We will continue to inspect these operations as our schedule permits."

-So rests H.E.L.P.'s story of the landfills.

Regarding Board of Health Appointments:

-On December 4, 1972, H.E.L.P. met with Mayor Brighton to discuss the Local Board of Health situation, specifically, the two (2) expiring terms of Board members. These terms expired on January 1, 1973. The next Board meeting is April, and hopefully, the Mayor will announce his appointments soon. H.E.L.P. supports Mrs. Ellis's reappointment and urged other interested people to make their suggestions to the Mayor.

In The Area Of Air Pollution:

-H.E.L.P. needs to do much more work in the area of Air Pollution in the Federal Clean Air Act is to be implemented in our county by the suggested deadline of 1975. Two (2) appointed terms expired in June of 1972; here we speak of the Air Pollution Control Commissioner terms. Those two have not yet been reaffirmed or reappointed. Five (5) more Commissioners current terms will expire June 1973. H.E.L.P. will encourage the appointing bodies to appoint interested, qualified people. The new permit system which was accepted by APC Commission at its last meeting, February 6, 1973, if implemented as prescribed, should be a large step in a new direction for our county.

In the Area Of Animal Control

-There still is no municipal regulation over large farm animals being kept on city residential lots.

-The Health Officer did request, and was granted, in 1972 another one-year extension of the State Quarantine Law, (anti-rabies legislation); next expiration date of quarantine is October 16, 1973.

Another spring is coming soon and dogs "on the loose" will infiltrate the subdivisions and the city as they have in the past. If you live outside the limits of the City, report dogs to the Sheriff's office; if you live in town call City Police.

-While at the dumps, we learned that at least 1,000 pounds of dead animal flesh is being put in trenches at Victory Mine landfill each month. This probably does not include carcasses and hides from meat packing plants, nor, large dead farm animals which are received from the area and buried there. H.E.L.P. believes there should be a strong effort made by the official Health Agency to reduce this 1,000 pounds per month by stricter enforcement of "leash laws", thus eliminating many unwanted litters of small animals, many which contribute to the problem.

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Park and Recreation Committee Report

This year we tried a different format and didn't meet regularly as a committee, but we were in constant contact with each other concerning the parks and recreation in the community. We made several statements at the park Board meetings, usually praiseworthy and also showing concern over the future. At the City Park Board we spoke in favor of converting Dobbs Park into a nature area and gave a few suggestions that we thought would be practicable for this area. The City Park Superintendent Patrick Dougherty gave four of us a personal tour of our city parks and also gave us figures on what they were expecting to spend on each park in the coming year. Many of the funds were HUD funds that require matching funds which they were able to match. We learned about future plans for target area parks and what their long range plans are. At the end of our tour we felt very pleased that our city is looking to future with foresight in the area of parks.

We also made several statements at the County Park Board. Again these were praiseworthy and concerned. We expressed regret over David Beres' resignation and hoped they will continue in the vein started of using a well qualified professional in the Superintendent's position. We also went to see Judge Anderson on the same subject to express our concern for the future of our County Park system and the relationship of ISU intern students and the parks. We expressed concern over the authenticity of the work being done with the New Goshen School and with the cabin and covered bridge in Fowler Park. We joined a large tour of county officials for a tour of the park as the guests of the Park Board. We learned of the plans for the county parks and saw some new parks that were yet to be developed and put into use for the benefit of the community. Our greatest concern at this time is the choosing of a qualified superintendent and we are watching very carefully as the County Park Board goes over the applications for this position.

My committee consisted of Marie Fox, Gladys Phillips, Nancy Tarbox, and myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Ward

Chairman Park and Recreation Committee

"H.E.L.P. Reports" -- Our Newsletter

H.E.L.P. Reports began its eleventh year under the direction of Liz Ciancone who remained as editor for the first half of the corporation year. The newsletter is published ten (10) times a year, with publication suspended during the summer months. In September, Terry Christianson became editor.

The editor is appointed by the President of the corporation, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. When appointed, the editor becomes a member of the Executive Board and attends both the Executive Board meetings and the Board of Directors meetings.

The newsletter is used to inform members and newsletter subscribers of committee activities and their studies as well as matters of interest in the community as they occur during the year. News items and committee reports are submitted by committee chairpersons or their appointed representatives.

In October, H.E.L.P. Reports format underwent a change. The change was to an eight by eleven inch magazine form with a center page insert when the amount of material in the newsletter required an extra page. This change resulted from the continuing effort to hold or reduce the costs of publication. With the change in format came a reduction in the amount of collating and eliminated the need for stapling prior to distribution to subscribers.

Highlights of the 1972-73 year included features appearing in the first issues about the progress of Vigo County's landfills to meet the State Board of Health's criteria for approved sanitary status. A synopsis of H.E.L.P.'s ten years of study and research on the landfills appeared in the September issue. Early year issues also centered on education with stories on the School Board elections; the School and Community Advisory Committee for Instructional Services; the in-service reorientation program for VCSC counselors; the handling of drug problems in the Vigo County Schools; and school bus safety.

Also appearing during the publication year were stories about the area parks and recreation programs; efforts of agencies and organizations toward improvement of the community; zoning changes; community programs implemented of interest to members and subscribers; and editorial comment about various issues. Editorial statements appearing in the newsletter are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Regular features of the newsletter included:

H.E.L.P. Commends and H.E.L.P. Congratulates- recognition of persons, organizations and agencies contributing to the progress of the city and county.

Questions: containing inquiries or concerns of members about the community or community programs. Responses when made by qualified individuals were presented in following publications.

Community Calendar: containing meeting dates and times of community and county organizations and agencies such as the Vigo County Board of Education, Vigo County Park and Recreation Board, Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board,

Board of Health, Area Planning Commission, City and County Councils, and other meeting of interest to subscribers.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Christianson
Newsletter Editor

The Membership Committee of H.E.L.P., Inc. began a membership drive in March 1972 which continued until June. Thirty-four women attended workshops in which they were given instructions for an intensive-personal-contact-by-phone drive. The total number of members and subscribers was 297 for 1972. This was an increase of 88 over 1971. Of the 297 total, one is a carry-over-member, 35 are "dues-only" members and 26 are "news-only" members.

Thirty-five people contributed extra money for a total of \$86.00. The contributions ranged in size from \$.50 to \$21.00. Of the 1971 list, one member has died, one was too ill to contact, 7 had moved away.

Members of the committee were Irene Burget and Marie Fox Co-chairmen, and Delores Malloy and Rosemary Duwelius.

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Final Report

ANNUAL REPORT

HELP, Inc.
(Housewives' Effort for Local Progress)

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

May, 1974--May, 1975

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

H.E.L.P., Housewives' Effort for Local Progress, was born of the realization that women must assume their share of responsibility for community progress. Since good citizenship entails a coordinated utilization of the time and talents of all citizens, H.E.L.P. will serve as a clearing house and reference center to receive, catalog, and where feasible, implement action on community problems. Realizing that progress is no mere accident, H.E.L.P. is dedicated to providing a means for all to work together for the common good.

HOUSEWIVES EFFORT FOR LOCAL PROGRESS, INC.
MINUTES, ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING MAY 6, 1974

It was moved by Irene Burget, seconded by Ann Pace, that the minutes from the 1973 Annual Corporation meeting be approved.

Marie Fox reported that as of May 6, 1974 we had \$228.94 in checking account and \$331.65 in savings account, making a total of \$560.59.

It was decided to accept the reports in the annual report with correction: Marie Fox is Ex officio -- Maxine Creason is not.

Irene Burget's nomination committee report was accepted as follows:

September 1974--September 1976

Adeline Arnett -----	Mrs. James
Virginia Bash-----	Mrs. James R.
Maxine Creason -----	Mrs. Woodrow W.
Susan Crittenden -----	Mrs. John A.
Rosemary Duwelius -----	Mrs. Thomas A.
Marie Fox -----	Mrs. Conrad F., ex officio
Ellen Livengood -----	Mrs. Wayne F.
Dorothea Nelson -----	Mrs. Robert E.
Ann Pace -----	Mrs. Robert E.
Marilyn Williams -----	Mrs. Neil V.

Present board members expiring in September 1975

Irene Burget -----	Mrs. Edward W.
Harvis Canon -----	Mrs. Neal B.
Mary Curcio -----	Mrs. Louis L.
Nella Kennedy -----	Mrs. Robert W.
Susan Ward -----	Mrs. Charles S.

Maxine Creason is going to the public hearing the County Commissioners are required to call before letting the new Trash and Garbage Contract. Rosemary Duwelius and Maxine Creason are writing a statement to be sent.

Our invited speaker did not attend the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Nella Kennedy
Recording Secretary

H.E.L.P. FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS -- JAN. 1, 1974 - DEC. 31, 1974

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 305.00	
Donations	29.50	
Luncheon Tickets	67.50	
Interest	<u>12.66</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 414.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Office (rent)	\$ 120.00	
Newsletter (Printing)	35.86	
Postage	50.90	
Annual Report	48.86	
Gift	17.16	
Printing Checks	2.10	
Insurance	37.00	
K of C (luncheon tickets)	75.00	
Membership (Coordinating Council)	15.00	
Membership (Banks of Wash Festival)	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 411.88

RECONCILIATION

Net Worth 12/31/73	\$603.88
Gross Profits	2.78
Net Worth 12/31/74	\$606.66

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -- December 31, 1974

Checking Account	\$274.46	Liabilities	NONE
Savings Account	<u>340.19</u>	Net Worth	\$614.65
TOTAL	\$614.65		

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

This year the H.E.L.P. Board of Directors has operated as a committee of the whole, concentrating on local health problems. Since we had no president, Ann Pace was appointed Moderator to chair the meetings. The following officers have served:

Vice-President: ----- Maxine Creason
Recording Secretary ----- Nella Kennedy
Treasurer ----- Marie Fox

Maxine Creason directed our efforts in health. Because the office telephone was discontinued when business rates were raised, Marilyn Williams and Marie Fox have allowed their phone numbers to be publicized as H.E.L.P.'s. Rosemary Duwelius has served as newsletter editor.

During the year Dorothea Nelson and Marvis Canon resigned from the board.

There was no membership drive; tear-offs were included in the newsletter. The membership for the year was 77.

Rosemary Duwelius and Maxine Creason were guest speakers at the Exchange Club March 25, 1975.

NEWSLETTER: "HELP REPORTS"

It was decided at the beginning of the year that, with the 1973 changes in the by-laws, four issues of the newsletter would keep faith with our member/subscribers. Three issues have been distributed, in October, January and March. The fourth issue will be out the third week in May, following the annual meeting.

The newsletter has reflected our concentrated interest in health; but we have tried to include other areas as we could. Again, it has been a joint enterprise, with everyone contributing news items. Marilyn Williams cut the stencils for the first two issues, which were then run off by Mary Finch, a former member of the organization. Nella Kennedy has handled the mailing, with assistance from her daughters, Brooke and Kathleen. We have tried to give the newsletter as wide a distribution as possible; as many copies were given away as were paid for. We felt that what we had to say was important, and that wide distribution was good publicity.

Rosemary Duwelius
Newsletter Editor

Health and Sanitation Committee:

Since last annual report several major changes have occurred in the structure of the Vigo County Health Department, unrelated to H.E.L.P. activity, however, for our record we reflect:

- a. Vigo County Council reduced the proposed health budget.
- b. Vigo County Council reduced health officers salary to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.)
- c. Dr. Goodman resigned his post as health officer.
- d. Dr. Schumaker was appointed part-time health officer.
- e. The part-time physician serving as advisor to contagious disease clinic was relieved of his duties: Dr. Schumaker is serving that clinic and is paid that salary also.

Final designations remain in two (2) H.E.L.P. related projects:

1. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, Region VII designation under Section 208. (the next current status meeting is scheduled for May 28, 1975 at WCIEDD offices).
 2. Quality compliance with Permit Regulation for Sanitary Landfills and Refuse Processing Facilities and Standards for Operation - Effective August 15, 1974. (Regulation SPC-18).
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H.E.L.P.'s Health and Sanitation committee is happy to report that the bi-partisan requirements governing appointments to County Boards of Health are being met at this time.

H.E.L.P. challenged Mayor Brighton's appointments after it became apparent that our discussions with him concerning the real need to maintain this bi-partisan balance had been ignored and the record revealed that only one member of the Vigo County Board of Health was affiliated with the republican party. (letter to State Health Commissioner, Sept. 23, 1974).

Vigo County Board of Health members are:

Appointed by County Commissioners:

- (R) Dr. Paul Siebenmorgan
(B) Mr. Dale Hayhurst

Appointed by Mayor:

- (D) Rodger Mansard
(D) Dr. W.L. Loewenstein
(D) Ms. Alda Thompson
(R) Mr. Carl Bruce
(R) Mr. Henry Storm

This board meets the minimum number of times each year required by law: quarterly, or four (4) times per year.

Health and Sanitation:

The Vigo County Board of Health members are on the county payroll; paid monthly according to the record in county auditors office.

"The board is responsible for enforcing all state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the preservation of health, and is also charged with investigating the existence of any contagious or infectious diseases. Much of this work is the task of the health department staff members. However, the board may dictate the administrative policies and procedures for handling such problems."

At the last meeting of the board of health H.E.L.P. invited board participation in current implementation of Regulation SPC-18, effective August 15, 1974. (Permit Regulation for Sanitary Landfills and Refuse Processing Facilities and Standards for Operation).

H.E.L.P. understands that under SPC-18 the Stream Pollution Control Commission is requiring our landfill contractor to deposit all hazardous waste in an area not located over abandoned shaft coal mine.

Since the recent board of health meeting, April 30, H.E.L.P. is informed that V.C. health department is conducting an investigation to try to identify all hazardous wastes by origin and chemical content.

H.E.L.P.'s survey of the possible new site has been submitted to SPC where we are advised that the State of Indiana will investigate further, before final approval is granted.

Landfills:

Beyond the above mentioned question of where the hazardous waste will be deposited, this report should recall that since July 1, 1974 Vigo County landfills are being operated through lease agreements, (4), with county commissioners.

Monthly cost	\$ 29,118.
Yearly cost	\$ 349,416.
5-year agreed cost (lease)	\$ 1,747,080.

If option to purchase were exercised
as provided in leases, cost would be \$ 491,380.

(Re: Landfill sheet attached to H.E.L.P. Newsletter,
March, 1975).

Air Quality Control: (Vigo County style...?)

After three years of existing vacancies on the Vigo County Air Pollution Control Board that "group" is now in compliance with the local ordinance which creates it.

1974 saw the old vacancies of "a physician" and "an attorney" filled by Taylor Brighton.

The appointed attorney is Victor Aldridge.

The appointed physician is Byron C. Wheeler, Jr.

The only expiring term in June of 1975 is that of "an engineer". At the regular meeting of VCAPC board March 12, 1975 Richard Woodleys reappointment to another three year term was announced by Vigo County Commissioners.

1974 also saw four (4) local air sampling stations eliminated. "Cutting down to minimum required" was the reason given.

Eliminated were:

- The Idaho Station
- The West Terre Haute Fire House Station
- The Dreiser Square Station
- The Meadows School Station

During the APC board meeting March 12, 1975 the State APC board (by letter) presented their proposal aimed at installing another SO² sampling station in Vigo County. Their stated reason was the uncontrolled SO² emissions resulting from four power generating stations in the vicinity of Terre Haute.

SO² Ambient Air Sampling Stations installed by the State are manned by the State and that is GOOD NEWS!

Next meeting VCAPC board is July 23, 1975 - 1:30 p.m.
Court House Annex, third floor.

EDUCATION

With a new school board as of July 1, 1974, and a new superintendent expected May 1, this was a year of watching and waiting as far as public schools were concerned. Susan Crittenden attended school board meetings and relayed information to the board.

H.E.L.P. was asked to provide a member for the committee to make the physical facilities survey of elementary schools. Ann Bass accepted this assignment.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Marie Fox has attended County Park Board meetings and written articles for the newsletter. H.E.L.P. is proud of our county parks, and congratulates the department on the new Prairie Creek Park, to be opened June 1.

H.E.L.P. has commended the City Park Board for the new playground equipment in Sheridan and Thompson Parks and is glad to see a new emphasis on neighborhood parks. Housekeeping in the city parks leaves much to be desired, and we would like to see an improvement in this.